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TOBACCO MARKETS OPEN TUESDAY.

Crop Has Shown Marked Improvement in Last Few Weeks.

The 1921 tobacco market of South Carolina will be opened Tuesday, July 19, which date has been agreed upon by all the various interests of the industry, including the buyers, the warehousemen and the planters, says The Florence Daily Times. It was fixed in a general conference of these three interests, after each of them had held an individual conference and discussed this particular matter.

All these meetings were held during the week in Florence, which is the seat of the county producing approximately one-third of the tobacco crop of South Carolina.

July 19 is a compromise date between the planters and the buyers. Some of the planters wanted a date as early as July 12 but the buyers would have generally preferred an opening as late as July 26. A compromise was necessary because of the lower tier of tobacco producing counties of the state which report that they are nearly half through curing even at this early date. The upper tier of counties have not yet begun to cure to any extent and hardly will commence selling heavily till a week or two after the official opening.

State tobacco interests say frankly that the crop this year is in the hands of the big buyers. Few independent buyers, if any at all, are expected in the markets because of the financial conditions. Even last season, many of them were forced off the floors many days for inability to make financial arrangements; and, the present conditions are believed to preclude any hope of their operating.

The crop this year bids fair to be one of the smallest, and, in many parts of the state, the poorest, that South Carolina has produced in a long while. In the first instance, the South Carolina Tobacco Growers Association undertook, in agreement with North Carolina and Virginia, to effect a reduction of one-third in acreage this year. The acreage reduction, according to reliable figures, is 20 to 25 per centum off of the plantings of last year, when the crop was 66,000,000 pounds. Late frosts killed or damaged seriously a material percentage of the crop. A protracted drought in many sections of the belt, stunted further the growth and cut down the yield. Authorities generally estimate the probable yield this year at between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 pounds of tobacco.

The present crop in the lower tier of counties of the state is estimated at about three-fourths of the crop of last year. It is practically made and much of it cured and awaiting the opening of the market on July 19. This section suffered most from the drought. Within the past two weeks, excellent showers have occurred over most of the section. Tobacco which was dying from the lack of rain has turned green again and is growing vigorously now.

All emphasis this year has been on quality of tobacco and not on quantity. The growers association, the warehousemen's association, and the buyers, with the Chambers of Commerce in the tobacco belt have united in this campaign. Barring Providential elements, the growers have responded well to this campaign and all effort on their part was concentrated to that end.

Special work is being arranged now to improve the curing and marketing conditions. This will relate especially to careful handling of the weed in their field, obtaining the best possible curing, and culling out the sorry leaves, so as to offer an attractive pile of tobacco on the floor.

Warehousemen and buyers both have notified the planters that the planter will have to depend almost exclusively this year on domestic consumption which is very choice in its article. There will be practically no export demand or consumption this year, according to the buyers.

Services at the Methodist Church, Main-Street Methodist Church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. by the Pastor. Morning Subject: "Parables by the Sea." No. 4—"The Intensive Growth of the Kingdom."

Evening Subject: "Kept from the Evil in the World." Junior Epworth League at 4 P. M. Miss Sarah Hargrove, President.

Prayer Service on Wednesday at 5 P. M.

Public cordially invited to all services.

LATTA

Miss Mary Tart, a recent graduate of Winthrop and R. O. Hinson a prosperous farmer of Kershaw were happily married by the Judge of Probate in his office on Wednesday. They are now in Kershaw where they will make their future home.

The services at the Methodist church on Sunday morning were made more interesting and attractive by a duet sang by two gifted young ladies who are visitors here. For sweetness and beautiful sentiment, this song has but few equals. The sermon preached by Dr. Kirkland was among the very best that the writer has heard anywhere at any time, and the prayer offered by the Rev. S. J. Bethea at the close of the services, being full of the spirit was edifying to the large congregation present.

MILLIONS FOR RAILROADS; PITANCE FOR FARMERS.

In a speech in the House recently Congressman Stoll arraigned the republican administration for its liberality with the railroads and its niggardly treatment of the farmer in providing funds on which to operate. Mr. Stoll endeavored to impress upon congress the necessity of providing ample funds to help the nation's only producers of real wealth—the farmers. He said in part:

"Mr. Speaker, the object of this bill is to make available \$25,000,000 to the farmers of the country by loans through the farm loan banks.

There are really only three questions before us in the consideration of this bill. First, is the condition of the farmers such as to demand that the Congress provide additional funds for the farm loan banks, so that they may extend further loans; second, what amount is necessary to give the farmers the relief that they are entitled to under the proper functioning of the farm loan bank; and, third, to what extent can the Government, through the farm loan banks, extend aid at this time and keep within the bounds of safe and sane financing.

The debate on this bill discloses that we are all agreed that the present condition of the farms is such as to cause grave concern. It is alarming, when we stop to consider, that in the deflation of the prices of farm products of the last crop over the previous one that the farmers of this country have sustained a loss of \$7,000,000,000, and this despite the fact that the edemand throughout the world has been greater than the supply. It certainly is an anomalous condition that with the world demand greater than the supply that there is no ready market for many products of the farm, and that the farmers should be forced to sell their products at a price far less than what he was able to realize a year ago. And to add to his discomfort, the farmer had to produce his crop under conditions that made it the most expensive crop ever grown. There are several causes that brought about this condition, but the two most pertinent in the consideration of this bill, and to which I desire to call attention are the failure of the Reserve Board to extend the necessary credits for financing the crops by adopting unwarranted, unnecessary, and arbitrary restrictions of credit, and thereby making the farmer the victim of a financial condition that was unexpected by him, and which could have been avoided if the Federal reserve banks, through those who directed their policies, had sought to help the farmer instead of ruining him.

Running hand in hand with the restriction of credits by the Federal reserve bank and bringing added discomfort to the farmer was the litigation which held up the operation of the farm loan banks and which caused that agency to cease functioning. It so happened that the two governmental agencies which above all others were capable of rendering assistance to the farmers of the country failed them when most needed—the Federal reserve bank either through narrow and intolerant opinions of finance or deliberate purpose to lay the farmer upon an altar of sacrifice, for unknown selfish reasons, and the farm loan bank, through its inability to function because of being enjoined by the courts.

In considering the present financial condition of the farmer, if we wish to be fair to him, we must take cognizance of the fact that many have their entire savings of many years of hard work invested in the land that they cultivate. The crops raised by our farmers are not natural products of the soil, but must be planted, cultivated and harvested, entailing not only much labor but the expenditure of much money. It is estimated that the farmers of this country have \$80,000,000,000 invested on which they get no return. The profits of a farmer are figured on what he gets out of the crop, stock and so forth, on his farm. There is no business in the world in which \$80,000,000,000 represents the capital invested and where the work goes on every day in the year, and hard and increased labor of 10 hours or more a day performed, that the returns anywhere approximate the low per cent the farmers earn on their investment and the labor performed. And yet many do not appreciate the farmer. He is appealed to during the election, when his vote is needed, and then he is allowed to return to his plowhandles to feed and clothe the world. In legislating for him it sometimes seems that lawmakers are desirous only of giving him the least that is possible with safety to their political welfare. To my mind the farmer is the one big thing in our American life. He makes our commercial prosperity possible; his politics are the purest and most unselfish; his morals are of the highest standard; he is the great conserving influence in our national life. Whatever legislation is beneficial to him should be enacted, for when the American farmer is benefited the entire nation prospers thereby.

While I shall vote for the bill, I think the \$25,000,000 that it makes available is entirely inadequate to meet the demands of the farmers for loans under the provisions of the law. I am more familiar with conditions in my state, and will illustrate with the third district, which embraces South Carolina. In my state there have been 2,308 loans made, aggregating \$6,765,410. The demand is far greater than the available funds. In

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

The Court of Common Pleas for Dillon County convened on Monday morning. Judge Edward McIver, the resident judge of the Circuit, presided. The first case called was that of the Peoples Hardware Company of Lake View against the Raleigh and Charleston Railway Co. This case had been to the supreme court and was sent back for a new trial. It was a claim for lost freight and resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

The next case called was that of Geo. Rowell et al against Eppie D. Berry. This was the second trial of this case. On the first trial the verdict of the jury was in favor of the Rowells. While it was pending in the Supreme Court another suit of the same parties was brought against Erwin Coward. In that suit some essential records were discovered whereupon a motion was made in the Circuit court in the Berry case for a new trial on after discovered evidence. The motion was granted and the new trial resulted. The case grew out of the construction of an old will of William Rowell and certain litigation in connection therewith. The lost records established the fact that the property was originally sold for debts of William Rowell and Mrs. Berry claimed under the sale and upon the testimony being produced a verdict was directed in favor of Mrs. Berry.

The only other case tried was that of Mrs. Berry, as administratrix of the estate of Walter Berry, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. This was a suit for damages for his alleged wrongful death at Latta in 1919 by being run over by a freight train. He was driving a tractor along Main street in Latta and according to the testimony did not observe or attempt to see the approach of the train. On the close of the testimony a motion was made for the direction of a verdict on the ground that plaintiff's intestate was guilty of gross negligence in exercising not the proper degree of care to protect himself from the approaching train. After argument the motion was granted and a verdict directed for the railroad company.

The court adjourned Tuesday evening. There were a number of other cases that could have been tried but it was a busy season with jurors and it was not the desire of the court or attorneys to keep them away from their work longer than necessary.

S. C. Checker Champions to Meet.

Columbia, July 11—Plans have been made tentatively for a state checker tournament to be held at the Columbia Y. M. C. A. on August 8. Capt. F. B. Fishburne, Southern checker champion, is in charge of plans for the tourney, and it is expected that a large number of South Carolina experts will be here to participate.

J. M. Layton of Georgetown; E. L. Jackson of York; and other checker "fans" are promoting the state contest.

FARMER DROWNS IN CHESTER POND.

Loses Life While Bathing After Eating.

Chester, July 10—Paul Dunlap, a well known young planter of Delphia, in York county, was drowned this afternoon in Guy's pond near Chester. He was 27 year of age. His wife was on the bank and witnessed the drowning. It is thought that he went in bathing too soon after eating dinner and that death was caused by acute indigestion rather than cramps. He leaped into the water and swam about 50 feet and was coming back. When he got within about 15 feet of the bath house he screamed for help, which was quickly forthcoming, but his helper could do nothing for him and he was nearly drowned in the effort to save him. Mr. Dunlap was highly esteemed throughout Chester and York counties and his death has caused profound sorrow. He was a son of Thomas Dunlap, a prominent York county planter.

every agricultural state, the conditions are the same. I would like to see the bill amended so as to make \$100,000,000 available. To help the farmers at this time is to help the Nation. Make it possible for the farmer to finance his business, and a forward step will be taken toward the normal conditions that are so much desired.

By legislation the railroads were given about a billion dollars to make good their so-called losses. We appropriate almost a billion yearly to the army and navy for national defense. And yet when it comes to legislation that seeks to bring about conditions that will make possible the farmer coming into his own, some begin to hesitate and to say that the legislation is class legislation. In a great country like ours, where we have many and manifold industries, if the Congress functions as it should, we must enact laws primarily affecting distinct interest. We must legislate for the banks, railroads, waterways, farmers and so forth, because there are conditions that affect only certain interests, and we must meet by legislation certain emergencies when they arise. There is an emergency now existing, as has been repeatedly pointed out on the floor of this House, which affects the farming interests, and it must be met by proper legislation or we may expect disastrous consequences."

COUNTY NEWS

Sellers.

Miss Elizabeth Page is taking a special course at Columbia University New York City.

Miss Leila Sellers who has been working at Washington, D. C. for the past several years, is spending her vacation with the home folks here.

Mrs. D. E. Oliver, Mrs. J. C. Sellers and daughters are visiting relatives at Marietta, N. C.

Miss Beatrice Price of Rocky Mount spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Allyn Smith.

Miss Julia McGill of Kingstree is the charming house guest of Miss Nellie Sellers.

Quite a number of our people are spending the week at Cherry Grove beach.

Pee Dee Park is also quite a popular place these warm afternoons.

Carolina.

A large number of folks here spent a pleasant day at McRae's Mill on the 4th. The chief amusements were gathering the beautiful pond lilies in the morning, feasting at noon and bathing in the afternoon.

Mrs. L. W. McInnis entertained a number of small children on July 4th when her little daughter Rachel celebrated her eighth birthday and little Duncan his first. Many merry games were played on the lawn after which they were served ice cream and cake.

Mr. Knox Alford returned Saturday from Black Mountain, N. C. after spending three weeks with his brother Sion who is still very low.

Mr. and Mrs. Chal Morrison of Fort Meade, Fla., Mr. Bid Morrison of Clinton, N. C., and Mrs. Lon Cottingham of Wesley spent Saturday at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. M. McInnis.

Mrs. Flora Larkin and little daughter of near Rowland are spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. A. I. Smith.

Misses Agnes and Margaret Robertson of Rowland are visiting at the home of Mr. D. B. McInnis.

Mrs. Hec. Lester who recently underwent a serious operation in the Clio Hospital is slowly improving.

Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Carmichael of Catawba, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Annie Carmichael.

Mrs. L. M. Rogers and Miss Emma Carmichael spent Saturday in Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Rogers and baby of Dillon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers.

Miss Ora Rogers is spending the summer holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall of Marion were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fort Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Carrie Lewis has returned home from Southport, N. C. where she has been visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Rogers of Latta were in town Sunday afternoon.

Dr. N. N. Schofield entertained Wednesday evening with a stag party in honor of Dr. L. G. Day of Hemingway.

The ladies of the Fork School Improvement Association held their monthly meeting at the school house Friday afternoon. The following program was carried out: Song—"Kind Words Can Never Die." Bible Reading.

Prayer. Roll call and minutes of last meeting. Paper by Mrs. Jack McDonald.

Paper by Mrs. R. S. Moore. Instrumental Solo by Mrs. D. B. Johnson.

Paper—"People Who Criticize," by Mrs. Colon Pearce.

Reading by Miss Lucile Bethen. Business Session.

Social Hour—Refreshments consisting of iced tea and cake were served.

Lake View.

The people are busy clearing the warehouses and buyers are coming in daily, getting ready for the opening which will be Tuesday, July 19th.

Rev. S. E. Ledbetter has returned home after spending two weeks in the training conference at Wofford College, Spartanburg.

Mrs. C. L. Norman and little son of Chicago are home to spend a while with her mother, Mrs. Neppie Thomas.

Miss Helen Wise has returned home after spending some time with friends and relatives in Florence.

Mrs. J. L. Norman and daughters, Edna and Aliene, Miss Mamie Bryant, Mr. Vonnice and Miss Ida Humphrey have returned home after a week's stay at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Carl White of Mullins spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Walker Hayes.

Miss Louise Griffith has returned home after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Robert Ford.

Misses Bertha and Adelaide Randolph and their friend Miss Fisk of Kinston, N. C., are visiting Mrs. R. F. Elvington.

Mr. Foster and Alex Ford have returned home from Florida where they have been at work for some time.

Miss Simpson has accepted a position with the Union Bank and Trust Co.

Miss Dora Valentine who has been visiting Miss Christine Goodyear has returned to her home in Mount Airy, N. C.

News Items of Interest in and Around Latta.

Mr. W. J. B. Campbell a substantial farmer of the Ebenezer section of Marion county, and who is about sixty years old, lost his wife about two years ago, boarded the train some days ago, his friends thinking that he was going to some of the summer resorts, were surprised no little when he stepped off 89 on Thursday evening with a handsome bride, who was a Mrs. Todd of Richmond. We wish the happy couple many years of happiness.

Miss Julia Rogers entertained on Thursday morning with two lovely parties at her home a few miles from town. This beautiful and spacious house so adapted for entertaining was thrown "en suite" and beautifully decorated in red, white and blue flowers which were effectively arranged in wall vases, large jardiniere bowls and baskets. Small flags were gracefully draped about the rooms giving a patriotic note to those lovely decorations. Score cards of small flags were given by little Jane Rogers niece of the hostess. The guests were received by the hostess assisted by Mrs. S. A. McMillan, and were invited by Mrs. E. R. Ellerbe to the rear of the hall where beautiful red punch was served by Mrs. Pawer Rogers. Eight dainty covered card tables were arranged for the players. Hand painted markers designated the number of each table. Four tables were used for bridge and four for rook, and many interesting rubbers in each were enjoyed, highest scores being made by Mesdames Frank Thompson and D. B. Shine. After cards were laid aside, a salad course was served.

Dillon County Farm Products.

The Director of the Census announces subject to correction, the following preliminary figures from the Census of Agriculture for Dillon County:

Farms and Farm Acreage—

	1920	1910	Increase or decrease per cent.
Farms	3,400	2,659	29.4
Operated by			
White farmers	1,574	1,354	16.2
Col. farmers	1,866	1,305	43.0
Owned by			
Managers	616	725	15.0
Tenants	2,824	1,934	46.0
Land in farms			
Total acres	103,414	175,476	1.3
Improd. acres	103,414	90,796	13.9
Farm Values:			
Value of land and buildings:			
Jan. 1, 1920	---	---	\$19,178,050
April 15, 1910	---	---	9,143,491
Increase, 1910-20:	---	---	10,034,559
Amount	---	---	109.7
Per cent	---	---	109.7
Domestic Animals:			
Farms reporting			
	Jan 1, 1920	April 15, 1910	
Domestic animals	3,367	2,509	
Animals reported:			
Horses	1,179	1,055	
Mules	4,420	2,909	
Cattle	3,691	2,150	
Sheep	186	67	
Pigs	17,336	11,781	
Principal Crops:			
Corn	'19 25,247	548,538 bu.	
	'09 20,388	461,447 bu.	
Oats	'19 6,343	143,117 bu.	
	'09 6,163	169,060 bu.	
Cotton	'19 54,251	45,294 lbs.	
	'09 50,260	41,702 lbs.	
Tobacco	'19 8,674	6,540,978 lbs.	
	'09 3,393	2,984,639 lbs.	

The figures for domestic animals in 1910 are not very closely comparable with those for 1920, since the present census was taken in January, before the breeding season had begun, while the 1910 census was taken in April, or about the middle of the breeding season, and included many spring calves, colts, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Powell, Miss Clara Powell and Mr. Robert Pace spent the week end at Myrtle Beach. Miss Helen Wise has accepted a position with Mr. W. M. Ford.

Mr. Claud Grantham made a business trip to Wilmington Monday.

Mr. W. E. Ford and J. B. Good-year visited Dillon Monday on business.

Oak Grove.

A number of citizens from Brownsville and other points along the Bennettsville and Cheraw railroad to Sellers went to Columbia last Wednesday to attend a hearing before the railroad commissioners to decide whether this joint of the road should be discontinued or allowed to remain as it is. The officials of the road claim that the road from Brownsville to Sellers has always been a losing proposition and petitioned the commissioners that they be allowed to cease operating this part of the road. This would work a great hardship to many people who have been patrons of the road and strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the authorities in Columbia that the petition of the railroad people be not granted. No definite action was taken last Wednesday and another meeting will be held next Friday at which time no doubt a final disposition of the matter will be made.

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In a weekly magazine we read concerning Madame Curie. There has been some discussion as to whether Professor or Madame Curie deserves the greater credit for the great discovery of Radium. To raise such a question is to dishonor both by implying a rivalry where co-operation was conspicuous. They did their best work when they lived and labored together. Prof. Curie refused to accept any reward that did not include his wife, whom he said was equally deserving of the honor. So the "Nobel" prize, the "Davy" prize and "Osiris" prize was awarded to them jointly. It was a professional partnership as well as a marriage.

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PRICES OF FOOD

SHOWING DECLINE

Decrease of Three Per Cent. Observed in Charleston—Few Go Higher.

Washington, July 10—Reports from ten additional cities compiled today by the department of labor showed Charleston, S. C., heading the list with a decrease of 3 per cent in the cost of food for the month ending June 15. Kansas City and Philadelphia reported decreases of 2 per cent, while Atlanta, Baltimore, Indianapolis and New York showed reductions of 1 per cent. Reports from other cities previously made public showed declines of 2 per cent, in Manchester, N. H. and Rochester, N. Y., and 1 per cent in Birmingham and Jacksonville.

Cities showing an increase were Little Rock with a 1 per cent jump, Savannah, Ga., three tenths of 1 per cent, and Washington four-tenths of 1 per cent.

For the year ending June 15, Indianapolis led the field with a 40 per cent. reduction, Kansas City being the next with 38 per cent.

EXCURSIONS OF THOUGHT.

The Unrealized Value of Human Companionship.

(By R. N. Allen, Latta, S. C.) When Prince Kropotkin, the exiled Russian thinker and scientist, pointed out that "Mutual Aid" was even more than bloody struggle, the greatest factor in the survival of the fittest he merely stated in scientific terms that human progress is based upon companionship and love.

When Henry Drummond wrote "Love the Greatest Thing in the World" he expressed the same idea in terms of Theology. There can be no mutual aid without some form of love.

A recent writer points out that the humanity loving Quaker's doing relief work in Germany seeking not to proselytize, seeking no pay, have softened the hearts of multitudes of Germans into a realization that the power of love is greater than all the high explosives in the world.

God's creation and nature's evolution has no hymn of hate. The progress of peoples, the development of literatures, the unfolding of man's inner spirit, all these are not born in the womb of war, nor of hate. They are the children of peace and peace is the mother of all good things. National and international peace are based on mutual aid, companionship and respect, which is a form of love.

But in our daily dealings, in the home, in the market place, yes, everywhere, we still suffer from the unrealized value of human companionships. We are yet too thoughtlessly stingy with our inexhaustible treasure of sympathy.

The wounds of the world, the grievances between capital and labor, the enmity that threatens the peace of the race would be healed if only each and every individual had a heart full of sympathy. Ours is a poor-rich and a rich-poor world.

True heartfelt companionship between parents and children, tender sympathy between pastor and congregation, a sense of comradeship in the common quest of knowledge between teacher and pupil—these are some of the ways companionship can better humanity.

Cain with a querulous, childish penance asked of God "Am I my brother's keeper?" When Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule and told the parable of the Good Samaritan he answered Cain's question forever, and ever. We must realize that our boy, our girl, our fellowmen and women everywhere need not merely money but even more, companionship.

The beautiful nun Heloise through her wonderful love and companionship elevated Abelard to the very heights of medieval learning. He was a priest and she was a Nun. Vows of celibacy prevented their marriage. The love letters of Heloise how utterly unselfish is the heart of a true woman, but her companionship, so sympathetic, loyal and true, raised Abelard to the very pinnacles of success.

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